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AMENDMENT**

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Confirmation No.	5237
First Named Inventor	Hu, Lawrence W.
Application Number	09/900,503
Filing Date	07/06/2001
Group Art Unit	3625
Examiner Name	Smith, Jeffrey A.
Title	Surgical Retractor Platform Blade Apparatus

Sir:

Prior to examination of the current application in view of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the current application as follows: